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SUMMARY: THE COMMUNIST-BACKED, PRO-INTERSINDICAL SLATE, AS EXPECTED, WON THE DEC 18 UNION ELECTIONS HELD BY SOUTHERN ZONE PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS. FAILURE OF THE DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNIONISTS TO SUPPORT A COMMON SLATE HELPED ENSURE THE COMMUNIST VICTORY. END SUMMARY.

1. PCP WINS PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS ELECTION: THE COMMUNIST-BACKED, PRO-INTERSINDICAL SLATE, AS EXPECTED, WON THE DEC 18 UNION ELECTIONS HELD BY THE SOUTHERN ZONE PUBLIC SERVICE
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WORKERS--THE RESULTS WERE:
LIST A (COMMUNISTS), 10,600;
LIST C (SOCIALISTS), 8010;
LIST B (PSD/MRPP, 3593;
LIST E (ULTRA-LEFT UDP), 1529
OF THE 52,500 ELIGIBLE VOTERS 24,899 OR 47 PERCENT CAST BALLOTS.

2. BRAZIL TRIP--PLUSES AND MINUSES: THE GOB-GOP COMMUNIQUE
AND PRIME MINISTER SOARES' EFFORTS TO STRESS THE OPENESS OF
PORTUGUESE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEM DURING HIS SAO PAULO
PRESS CONFERENCE RECEIVED HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE HERE. THE
CONSERVATIVE PRESS CLAIMED THE VISIT WAS A FAILURE BEFORE IT
BEGAN AND HIGHLIGHTED INCIDENTS IN SAO PAULO WITH THE
PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY TO ILLUSTRATE ITS POINT. THE COMMUNIST
PRESS ATTACKED SOARES FOR "CONFUSING THE FRATERNAL PEOPLE OF
BRAZIL WITH THE FASCIST DICTATORSHIP WHICH OPPRESSES THEM."
GOP HOPES FOR TANGIBLE ECONOMIC GAINS AS A RESULT OF VISIT
APPARENTLY ARE NOT BEING FULFILLED. MOST SIGNIFICANT
ACHIEVEMENT WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 50 MILLION DOLLAR
RECIPROCAL LINES OF CREDIT. GREATEST DISAPPOINTMENT FOR GOP
WAS BRAZIL'S EVIDENT REFUSAL TO ACCEPT LARGER NUMBERS OF
PORTUGUESE EMIGRANTS. ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:
--SOARES' ATTEMPTS TO ENTICE PORTUGUESE TECHNICIANS TO RETURN
HOME;
--HIS DETERMINED EFFORT TO ATTRACT BRAZILIAN INVESTMENT; AND,
--HIS DISCLOSURE OF POSSIBLE PORTUGUESE URANIUM SALES TO BRAZIL.

3. COMMENT: THE RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS
ELECTION ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE VOTING PATTERN ESTABLISHED IN
THE MARCH BALLOTING ON UNION STATUTES. AT THAT TIME, THE PCP
SLATE DEFEATED THE SOCIALISTS BY LESS THAN 200 VOTES. ALTHOUGH
THE SOCIALISTS GOT MORE VOTES THIS TIME WITH A LARGER TURNOUT,
THE COMMUNISTS HAVE INCREASED THEIR MARGIN TO 2000.
ALL OTHER SLATES LOST VOTES. AS IN THE MARCH ELECTIONS, THE
FAILURE OF SOCIALISTS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS TO GET
TOGETHER COST THE ANTI-PCP FORCES A POSSIBLE VICTORY. THE
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GOVERNMENT'S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED DECISION TO SET THE NEXT
YEAR'S WAGE INCREASE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS AT 15 PERCENT,
WELL BELOW THE LEVEL FAVORED BY THE UNION, DID NOT HELP THE
SOCIALIST-BACKED SLATE.
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